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9. 3. 29 GIRL K. KAWAHARA BY A PREACHER  
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Sir,

With reference to an article appearing in the Shanghai Nippo, dated March 5, referring to an alleged outrage perpetrated by a Japanese named Adachi, posing as a "Tenrikyo" preacher, upon a young Japanese girl who is said to have subsequently died, I called upon a responsible officer of the Japanese Consular Police who in connection with this matter made the following statement:- "This incident was reported to the Japanese Police by Mrs. Kobayashi, residing in the Chang An Li (長安里) off Woosung Road who is the sister of the girl, almost a month after the death. Subsequent inquiries revealed that some time in the middle of October a Japanese male named K. Adachi (35), who was in the habit of frequenting the "Tenrikyo" mission at 225 Miller Road posing as a preacher, came to know one of the adherents named K. Kawahara, a girl of 28 years of age who was apparently suffering from consumption. Kawahara was evidently seeking divine power to cure her illness and Adachi, taking advantage of this, induced her to live within at his house in Jubong Road, near the market on Woosung Road Extension, Chapel, under the pretext of giving her constant attendance and to work a spiritual cure. They have been cohabiting for several months and in the meantime the woman's illness became serious and she died on January 12, 1929. Adachi, who soon became tired of her, deserted her in the beginning of January, some time before her death. He is believed to have gone to Hongkong."

The Japanese authorities are investigating the whereabouts of Adachi, but they are uncertain as to whether or not his act constitutes a crime as Kawahara had willingly cohabited with Adachi for several months, and furthermore, Mrs. Kobayashi, the sister of the deceased woman, did not report the matter to the Police until a month after the death of the woman, who is alleged to have complained about Adachi's alleged act of violence just before her death.

I remain, Sir,  
Yours obediently,

*S. Hattagawa*

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Superintendent,  
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**"TENRIKYO" PREACHER SOUGHT BY JAPANESE AUTHORITIES  
FOR OUTRAGE ON YOUNG GIRL.**

The Shanghai Nippo publishes the following reports:-

A Japanese named Adachi (35), who used to frequent the "Tenrikyo" Mission (a Japanese religion) in Zou Tseng Nan Li (李松南里) of Miller Road posing as one of the preachers, is now being sought by the Japanese Consular Authorities for having violated a young Japanese girl, aged 23, the sister of the wife of one Obayashi, under the pretext of curing the girl's illness by a certain religious ceremony. The incident occurred some time in the middle of last month. The girl, who died several days after the alleged treatment, told her sister, just before her death, that she had been ravished several times by Adachi and that she was too weak to bear the strain. The poor girl had apparently been terrified into silence by this brutal preacher under some religious excuse. Adachi is said to have fled to Hongkong.

Det. Inspector Nakagawa,

For inquiry and  
report please.

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